

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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LIME STONES IN JAISALMER
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any request for development /Mining of SMS grade lime stone in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the lime stone of Jaisalmer is costlier than the imported lime stone; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. From time to time, the Government has been receiving references from Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Ltd. (RSMML), a State Government undertaking, on issues related to development /mining of low silica SMS grade lime stone in Rajasthan. The issues highlighted were the problems faced by the low silica SMS grade limestone industry of Jaisalmer due to imported low silica SMS grade limestone and rail freight.

(c) & (d): On account of rail freight from Jaisalmer to the consumers(who are mostly located in the Eastern side of India), the cost of the SMS grade limestone of Jaisalmer is much higher than the price of limestone-ex-Jaisalmer. Therefore, the landed cost of imported low silica SMS grade limestone is lower than the Jaisalmer produced low silica SMS grade limestone, if railway freight is added.